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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

1 January 1964

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

Our entry into this past year was busy and crowded, in sharp contrast to the usual quiet experienced in the country in the winter months. A final total showed that we were host to over thirteen thousand skiers in the eighty days of skiing at our new ski area on the Westminster-Princeton line. Difficulties, both mechanical and operational, were experienced, but other area operators tell us that this is normal for the first few years of operation and will gradually disappear as our experience factor improves.

A number of improvements in the ski area in the form of drainage, regrading, culverts, access ways, larger and smoother run-out areas, parking lot, building foundations and ticket booths were made during the summer months and, in the few days that we had to observe their operation in late December, showed that they were well worth our efforts. Other improvements will undoubtedly be indicated as we get further into the season, and as in the past, we will make note of these and implement them as soon as practicable.

Severe cuts in our estimated budget for the year made any tar road maintenance out of the question but we did manage to make some needed improvements in our gravel roads. It is hoped that we can continue this program in the future and also do more than just patch our black top roads.

Our building maintenance program was also severely curtailed, in fact, the only exterior maintenance that could be scheduled was the painting of one dwelling, and we had trouble fitting that into our limited funds.

As in the past few years, our cordwood harvest was taken from land that was to be used as a part of the ski area. Most of this wood has been stacked at the ski area and will be used in the Chalet that is now building, as well as at the picnic and other group activity areas on the Reservation.



Annual Report - Wachusett Mountain

Once again our summer visitor use remained high, with counts, estimates, and samplings indicating about 150,000 visitor-days. We find that campers and organized groups account for about 2,000 of these with the rest being made up of sightseers and picnickers. While there is considerable agitation to enlarge the ski area so that it can accommodate more skiers, it should be noted that they account for only one-tenth of our visitor use at this time, and careful thought should be given before indiscriminately taking over additional acreage for a small percentage of users. While it is felt that this area should be further developed in the future, and was so designed that additional development will fit in without disrupting the present set-up, extreme care must be taken to insure that any such additional development will not upset the balance, appearance or beauty of the Reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent





*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of the Attorney General*

*Edward W. Brooke  
Attorney General*

*State House, Boston 33*

January 6, 1964

Charles B. Campbell, Chairman  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation  
Commission  
Princeton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I have received your letter of November 15, 1963 relative to the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation ski area authorized by St. 1960, c. 679. You have indicated that you wish to lease the ski facilities for operation by private parties, and have posed five questions with regard to such an arrangement.

I will not treat with your specific questions herein because I find no authorization for the Commission to enter into this type of leasing arrangement. Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1960 provides that the Commission is "authorized and directed to construct, maintain, operate or lease on Wachusett mountain, a ski area with facilities appurtenant thereto". In the absence of language in the act to the contrary, this reference to a lease refers to the right of the Commission to acquire facilities by lease, and does not imply that the Commission may itself lease the facilities to others.

Chapter 679 clearly sets forth the way in which the business of the ski area is to be managed. Section 3 authorizes the Commission to charge reasonable fees for use of the facilities, and

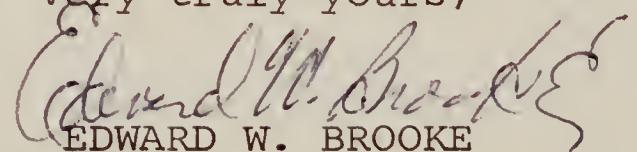


Charles B. Campbell, Chairman, . . 2.

directs what disposition is to be made of income that exceeds expenses. Section 4 provides that where expenses exceed funds derived from use of the facilities, the necessary funds shall be assessed and collected as are county taxes. Under § 5, the County Treasurer holds all sums raised by taxation for the ski area, as well as all other sums given or bequeathed for that purpose. A leasing arrangement which would relieve the Commission of these problems of income and expenses is clearly not contemplated. Leasing of the facilities to private parties would make the careful provisions of c. 679 unnecessary, and should not be considered without specific authorization.

Furthermore, when the General Court has felt it desirable to permit a leasing arrangement it has said so. Chapter 755 of the Acts of 1957 authorizes the Commission to lease certain land in the State Reservation. Had the Legislature envisaged leasing of the ski facilities, it could have provided for it in the same manner. I am aware of the fact that other States do permit the leasing of State ski areas, and that such is frequently most practical from a business point of view. However, absent specific authorization by statute, I must advise you that the Commission does not have the right to enter into the proposed lease.

Very truly yours,

  
EDWARD W. BROOKE

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

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EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

6 January 1964

His Excellency  
Governor Peabody  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Governor:

This may be a relatively inopportune moment, in view of today's news releases, but the Commission and myself, and particularly Mr Trinder who is hospitalized with a virus infection, wish to thank you for your visit to the Wachusett Ski Area yesterday.

We have enclosed one of the patches of the Area, which some member of your family may enjoy, together with a couple of our brochures.

Again, thanks for coming and come back and ski us often.

Very truly yours,

Earle R. Vickery Jr  
Superintendent  
For the Commission



MEETING NOTICE

8 January 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1955, notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Mount MacIntosh Ski Area in Princeton, Massachusetts at 4:30 PM, Saturday the 11th of January.

Earle E. Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts

11 January 1964

4:45 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore

Mr Harvey Ball

Meeting was opened by the Chairman and it was moved and voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting since all of the Commissioners had received copies of these minutes.

It was noted that Commissioner Trinder was in the hospital and all of those present wished him a speedy recovery. The Superintendent was instructed to convey this wish to Mr Trinder.

It was moved and voted to ratify the letter written by the Superintendent to Governor Peabody on the 6th of January and the letter is hereby made a part of these minutes.

It was noted that Strand Mikkelsen approached the Superintendent with a letter stating that he would discontinue operation of the Ski Shop because of difficulties of doing business at this location unless an adjustment of the agreement of 1961 was considered immediately by the Commission. The Superintendent polled the Commission and the reaction was that it would take about a month to secure bids and negotiate a contract with a new operator and it might very well take a much longer period for such an operator to secure the necessary rentals, inventory, etc. It was the feeling of the Commission that the best interests of the public and the Ski Area would be served by continuing on the terms demanded by Mr Mikkelsen, namely 10% of the gross, and such an agreement was entered into by the Superintendent and Mr Mikkelsen on the 2nd of January 1964.

It was moved, seconded and voted to ratify and confirm the action of the Superintendent on the above.

The Chair then stated that part of the agreement above was that this agreement would terminate at the conclusion of the current skiing season in April 1964 and new bids for the operation of this concession would be requested at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Frank W Liberatore  
Clerk pro tem





ENDICOTT PEABODY  
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

January 14, 1964

Mr. Earle R. Vickery, Jr.  
Superintendent  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission  
Princeton, Massachusetts

Dear Earle:

I appreciate so much your nice letter of January 6 and I am sorry that my appearance triggered off so much discussion concerning the area.

I think it might be well, however, to sit down with the Commission and discuss this and we will work this out with Walter Carey shortly.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Endicott Peabody". Below the signature, the word "Governor" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

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MEETING NOTICE

19 January 1964

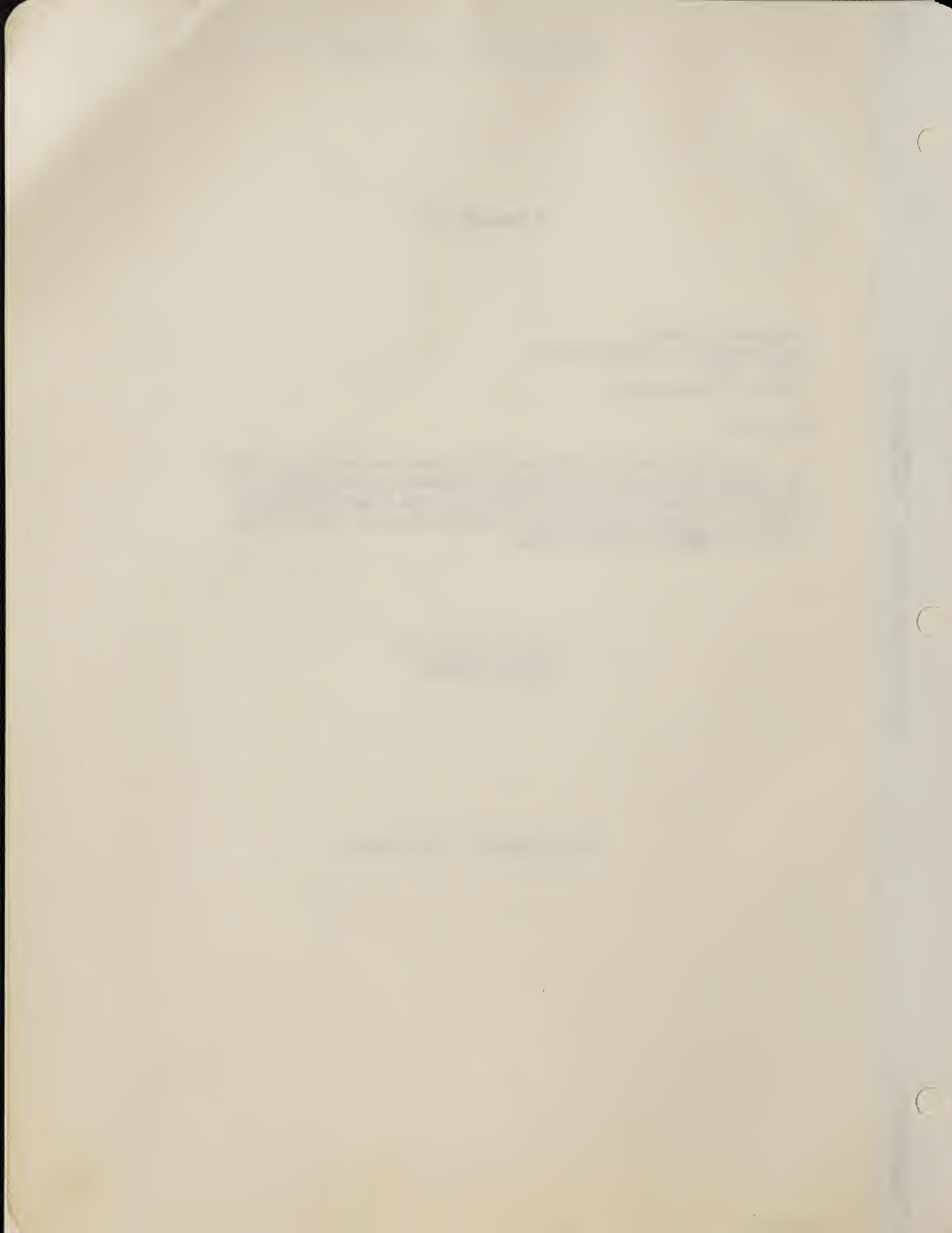
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1959, notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting in the hospital room of Kenneth G Trinder in Worcester, Massachusetts at 1:00 o'clock PM on the 21ST of January 1964.

Earle A Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Room 402 Hahneman Hospital  
Worcester, Massachusetts

21 January 1964

1:06PM

Present were; Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all present. It was moved and voted to accept the minutes as appearing in the record.

The proposed budget for 1964 was presented by the Superintendent and discussed. Moved and voted to submit this proposed budget to the County Commissioners.

Discussed the advisability of holding a press conference at the Ski Area to release accurate facts and figures to the public to counteract the unfavorable publicity and statements recently published. It was decided to proceed with such a conference and a tentative date of Monday, January 21st was set.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



February 22, 1964  
Brooks Station Road  
Princeton, Mass.

E.R. Vickery  
Superintendent  
Mt. Wachusett Reservation

Dear Russ,

It is with extreme regret that I inform you that beginning with the coming season 1964 I shall be unable to manage the Summit house at Mt. Wachusett.

With my recent election as principal of the High School of Commerce a great deal more of my time will of necessity be devoted to my added responsibility at the school. To attempt to continue with the dual responsibility would at the present time be too demanding upon me and my family.

May I express my sincere thanks for your assistance and cooperation as well as that of the Wachusett Commission during my past 17 years at the Summit house. Please be kind enough to convey my appreciation to them.

I should naturally like to dispose of the soda fountain and equipment to whomever would be managing the Summit House during 1964. I should be willing to set up the whole operation for the April or May opening if you feel that such a move would more smoothly effect a desirable change.

We could talk about any plan which you feel would be desirable.

Best regards,

*Jack Connor*



MEETING NOTICE

6 March 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting Mount Wachusett Ski Area in Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts at 11:00 o'clock AM on the 11th of March 1964.

Earle E Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Mount Wachusett Ski Area Office  
Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts

11 March 1964

11:25 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the minutes of the last meeting were read. Moved, seconded and voted to accept them.

The Annual Report by the Superintendent was read and discussed. Voted to submit the report to the County Commissioners.

A letter from Dr John Connor, concerning the Summit House Concession, was read and discussed. This letter is attached to these minutes. Bidding of the Summit House Concession and the Ski Chalet Concession together was discussed and it was decided to invite bids for the letting of the concessions for either or both the Summit House and Chalet, with the Commission reserving the right to reject any or all bids, to let either concession individually, or to accept the bid or bids in the best interests of the Reservation.. The bid invitation to specify that the rent or rents be in lump sums (not percentages), that the coin locks and cleaning of the Summit toilets be a part of the Summit House concession, That the bidders give a summary of their experience and/or qualifications, that there will be no subletting of either of these concessions without the express permission of the Commission. It was also decided that the invitation or specifications should note that certain equipment now installed at the Summit House and belonging to Dr Connor could be purchased from him by private treaty, and that minimum equipment requirements for the Chalet be substantially as indicated in the report from the Haddad Equipment Company.

The Superintendent was instructed to draw up a suitable invitation and specifications to cover the above, and to submit them to the Commissioners for approval. It was tentatively decided to hold a meeting at the County Court House on 1 April 1964 at 2:00 o'clock PM to open and read these bids.

It was also decided to invite bids for the operation of the Ski Shop at the same time. The Superintendent was instructed to notify Strand's Ski Shop of the Commission's intention to ask for new bids on the Ski Shop.

The income and expenses for the 1963 calendar year were discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to recheck his figures and submit a report to the Chairman.

The Superintendent was also instructed to inquire as to the status of any decision by the Director of Accounts and/or the Controller as to the operation of the Ski Area Fund, and to report his findings to the Commission.

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Meeting of 11 March 1964

Motion was made, seconded and voted to retain the present Chairman and Clerk in office on the Commission for the coming year.

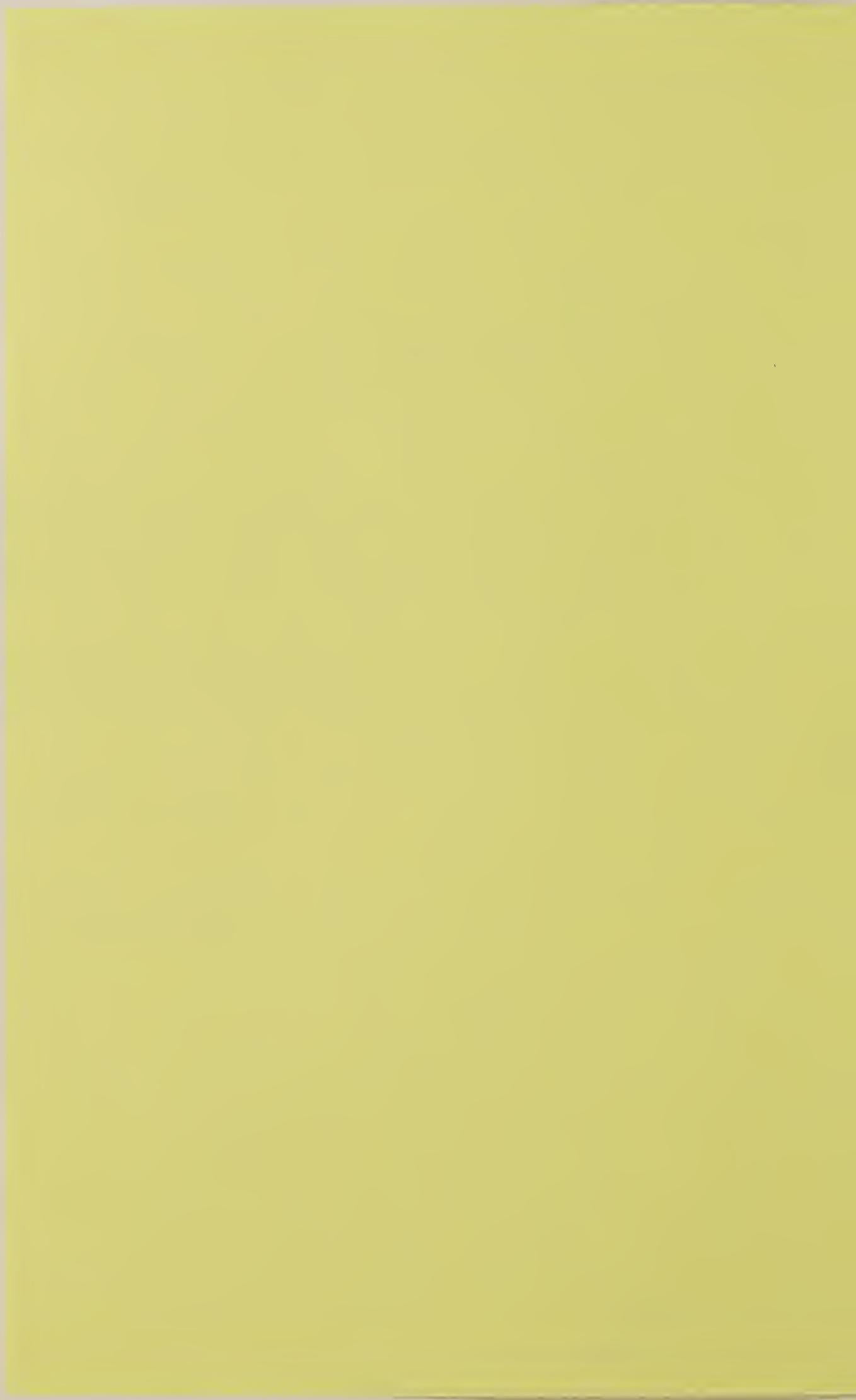
It was suggested that the Superintendent make an estimate of work to be done and expenditures to be made for approval by the Commission before making any extraordinary expenditures.

Public liability insurance for the Ski Area was discussed and the placement of this insurance by the Superintendent was approved. It was further suggested that the Ski Area should have an insurance program drawn up to be sure that all necessary items are being adequately covered. The Chairman agreed to investigate this further and report back to the Commission.

The progress of the Chalet was discussed as were also the general conditions of the Area at large.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



28 March 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1959, notice is hereby given that the following certain State Reservation Deaccession items will be held at the Office of the Commissioner of Forests and Game, 100 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts at 2:00 o'clock on the 1st of April 1964.

Barrie L. Clegg Jr.  
Administrator



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioner's Office  
Worcester, Massachusetts

1 April 1964

2:00 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the Ski Shop Bids, which were due at this time, were opened and read. The bids were as follows:

Strand's Ski Shop, Inc.	\$750.00
Ralph White's Ski Shop	450.00 min. or 20% of net proceeds of sales and rentals
Normand D Letarte	2,000.00 or preferably 15% of gross sales and rentals.
Robert A Ewer	900.00

Mr Campbell asked about stocks of equipment and supplies which were mentioned only in general terms in the bid forms and was told by the Superintendent that the public established the levels of supply needed in an operation of this type and that the Concessionaire would not let his stock fall below that needed to completely fill the demands and requirements of the Area users.

Mr Letarte was invited to make a statement on his bid and showed the rental forms which he contemplated using, and spoke briefly on the quality and amounts of merchandise and rental equipment he would keep on hand. He also stated that he would have a full time operator on hand at all times.

Mr White also outlined his proposed operation of the shop, giving a brief background of his long experience as a Ski Shop operator, mentioned the merchandise and rental equipment he would stock and stressed that he would employ non-skiers to operate the shop so that they would not tend to leave the shop to ski.

The Commission then took the Ski Shop bids under advisement.

Before opening the Snack Bar bids, Mr Liberatore stated that a Mr Greco of Fitchburg, who had wished to bid on the Chalet Snack Bar, had not received a copy of the bid form and had complained to him a day or so before. The Superintendent stated that he had mailed a copy (#1) to Mr Greco at the address he had given in a letter to the Superintendent, just as he had to several others who wished to bid and had so notified him. This form was mailed on the 25th of March.



Meeting of 1 April 1964

The bids for the Snack Bars were then opened and read and are as follows:

Robert C Vickery	Summit	\$751.00	5 yrs
	Chalet	501.00	5 yrs
Checkerboard Coffee Shop	Summit	none	
	Chalet	455.00	8 yrs

The lack of a number of bids was discussed. The Chairman stated that he would prefer to act on all the bids now, either to accept or to reject them.

A motion was made and seconded to separate the Summit House and Chalet bids. This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to award the operation of the Summit House and allied concessions to Robert C Vickery of Sutton.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reject the Chalet Snack Bar bids and to set up an invitation for sometime in the future. A date was not selected at this time.

The Ski Shop bids were discussed and the Superintendent asked for an opinion the bidders. He stated that he could work and get along with any of the bidders.

It was moved that the Ski Shop be awarded to Ralph White's Ski Shop at the 20% of sales figure, if the term "net proceeds" meant "gross". An effort to contact Mr White for an explanation of his bid was unsuccessful. The Motion was not seconded.

Moved to accept the bid of Normand Letarte and award the Ski Shop to him. Motion was not seconded.

After a further discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to reject all bids for the Ski Shop and to issue a new invitation for bids to be received and opened at 10:00 AM Monday, 13 April 1964.

Minutes of the previous meeting discussed and accepted as written.

The case of a Mr Feld who was injured at the Area was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to send a letter stating that the Area had no insurance to cover such an accident. (fell off lift)

Motioned made, seconded and voted to accept the records on the operation of the Ski Shop for January and February as presented. The gross income was \$4,630.50 for the period and the rent, therefore, was \$463.05.



Meeting of 1 April 1964

The Superintendent gave a verbal report on the progress of the Chalet which is about 70 - 75% completed. It was suggested that we request that the contractor include the drilling of a well for water at the Chalet in the basic contract and the Superintendent was instructed to write to the Bureau of Building Construction and request such a change.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



MEETING NOTICE

6 April 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1953, notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Offices of the County Commissioners, in Worcester, Massachusetts at 10:00 o'clock AM on the 13th of April 1964.

Earle A Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioner's Office  
Worcester, Massachusetts

13 April 1964

10:05 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the bids for the operation of the Ski Shop were opened and read. The bids were as follows:

Strand's Ski Shop	min \$750.00 or 10% of gross
Ralph White's Ski Shop	min \$1550.00 or 20% of gross
Normand Letarte	min \$2000.00 or 15% of gross
Robert Ewer	min \$900.00 or 12% of gross

The bidders present were invited to offer any statement they might care to make to the Commission by Mr Liberatore, but since no statements were offered the Chairman announced that the Commission would take the bids under advisement.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Commissioners and it was voted to accept them as written.

A recapitulation on the operation of the Ski Area for the past season (from January 1st only) was offered by the Superintendent and discussed. Income for this period was listed as \$33,029.30 with expenses of Payroll at \$11,011.13 and Supplies at \$20,413.90, leaving a net of \$1,602.27.

Bids for the Ski Shop were discussed and since Mr White had offered in his bid to make payment of the minimum by 4 January 1965, Mr Letarte offered to make similar payment by the 5th of January 1965. It was decided to consider only the two highest bids offered, namely those of Mr White and Mr Letarte.

The Chairman announced that the Commission would go into Executive Session to consider the bids and this was done at 10:50 AM.

A further discussion of the bids was held and it was moved, seconded and passed by a majority vote to award the operation of the Ski Shop to Ralph White's Ski Shop. Mr Trinder was opposed.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 11:23 AM

A report on the progress of the Chalet was given by the Superintendent and accepted.



Meeting of 13 April 1964

The naming of the Ski Area's lifts and trails was discussed with the Superintendent offering some suggestions on possible choices. It was decided to retain the lift names of "Oxbow Lift" for the 2000 foot lift and "West Lift" for the 3500 foot lift, but to set up an advertisement in Worcester County papers for the naming of the trails. Further action on this to be deferred until the selection of an advertising or publicity man for the coming year.

It was decided that the Ski Shop should hold its own public liability insurance and not be included in the overall policy of the Area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



## MEETING NOTICES

14 May 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with chapter 626 of the Acts of 1954, notice is hereby given that the Machuett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the office of the Worcester County Commissioners, in Worcester, Massachusetts, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 20th of May 1964.

Earle A. Vickery Jr.  
Superintendent

## MEETING NOTICES



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioner's Office  
Worcester, Massachusetts

20 May 1964

11:14 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened at 11:14 AM and the bids for the operation of the Summit House and Ski Area Snack Bar were opened and read. The Bids were as follows:

	<u>Summit House</u>	<u>Ski Area</u>
Guy J Greco, Fitchburg, Mass	None	3% of Gross
Checkerboard Coffee Shop, Clinton	None	\$501.00 plus 5% of net
Ralph Meagher, Westminster	\$1,001.00	\$651.00 or \$11.00/day, whichever is greater
John J Barry, Paxton	None	\$375.00
Clifford Keddy, Paxton	\$952.00	\$8.00/day or \$451.00/season
William A Wells, Hubbardston	\$800.00	\$375.00

Moved, seconded and voted to take the three bids for the Summit House and the six bids for the Ski Area Snack Bar under advisement.

Moved, seconded and voted to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Commission as written and entered in the record book.

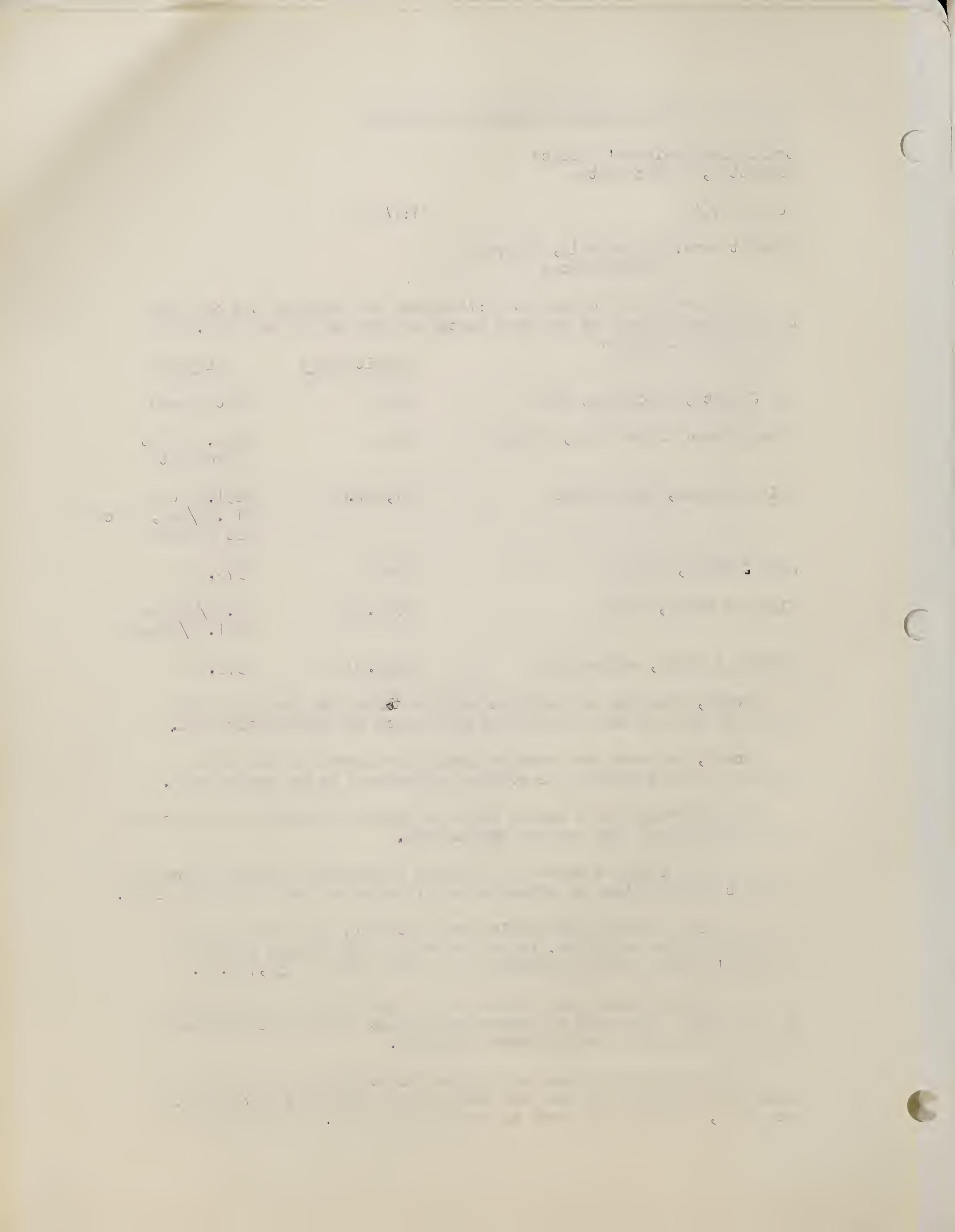
The Chairman read a letter from the Bureau of Building Construction on the letting of bids for any public work.

A letter from the Bureau of Building Construction to the Regorini Brothers granting them an extension of 112 days was read by the Chairman.

The actual cost of the Chalet was discussed, but there were no accurate figures available. It was noted that advertising costs and designer's fees were not included in the bid price of \$38,700.00.

The Superintendent was instructed to investigate the feasibility of installing a dug well to service the Chalet and to proceed with the installation if his findings were favorable.

A letter from the Corps of Engineers concerning an extension of their lease of the area near the pond at the Summit was read and it was moved, seconded and voted to extend this lease. The Superintendent



Meeting of 20 May 1964

was instructed to so notify the Corps.

Mr Liberatore and the Superintendent reported to the Commission on the meetings of the Interagency Committee on Recreation which they have attended.

Moved and voted to go into Executive Session at 12:00 o'Clock Noon.

The bids for the operation of the Summit House and the Chalet Snack Bar were discussed and it was moved, seconded and voted to award both concessions to Ralph Meagher of Westminster.

The meeting was reopened at 12:20 PM and adjourned at 12:40 PM

Frank V. Liberatore  
Clerk Pro-tem



5 August 1964

Superintendent

Commissioners

Use of Reservation

Because of the difficulty of controlling the use and misuse of the Reservation throughout a seven day week and twenty-four hour day, it is recommended that strict hours and dates of opening be instituted, and that the feasibility of charging an entrance fee be explored.

Closing of the Reservation would produce some difficulties of control but it is thought that the "dead ending" of all Reservation roads at their outer ends, with the exception of the Summit Road, and the construction and constant manning of a contact station at the foot of the Summit Road would answer most of these difficulties. An arrangement of this type would control only auto traffic, but it has been found that this traffic is our major headache.

Hours of opening and any fees charged could be patterned after those of the Department of Natural Resources, to which the public is already conditioned. These would be from 10:00 AM to approximately sunset, with a charge of one dollar for entrance, per car. Dates of operation of the "Summer" section of the Reservation would probably be from the weekend (before) nearest the 30th of May until the first weekend after the 12th of October.

Benefits to be derived from such action would be an opportunity to eliminate, or at least identify, after dark users. Most of our damage and misuse occurs during the hours of darkness and by occupants of vehicles. Control of this nature should materially reduce rubbish accumulations and vandalism without interfering with the normal public use of the area. Charges for admission would add somewhat to the Reservation's income, and might possibly be used as a pry to obtain sufficiently generous budget allowances to carry on adequate maintenance on all phases of operation.

Disadvantages would be the initial and upkeep expenses of constructing turnarounds at the ends of our roads (The Reservation is now accessible through six entrances), contact stations, gates, etc. Another continuing expense would be the additional personnel necessary to man the contact station on a 24 hour basis during the open season and during the day for early spring and late fall. Manning such a station during the open season would require approximately 84 man-weeks of time.

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MEETING NOTICE

28 September 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the offices of the County Commissioners in Worcester, Massachusetts at 11:00 o'clock AM on Thursday the 1st of October 1964.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Worcester County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

1 October 1964 11:00 AM

Present Were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened at 11:00 AM by the Chairman and the minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. Voted to approve the minutes as written.

Requests by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Division of Food and Drugs of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to install radios at the Summit of the Mountain were presented by the Superintendent and discussed. It was decided to table both of these requests, without action.

A request by the Department of Natural Resources to build a metal tower for their Fire Watcher at the Summit was presented by the Superintendent and discussed. It was suggested by the Commission that the Superintendent write Mr Hurley of the Department of Natural Resources and suggest that he might study the proposed plans for a new building at the Summit, now in the Bureau of Building Construction, and possibly assist the Commission in obtaining sufficient backing from his own and other State Agencies to have this building constructed, in lieu of erecting a metal tower.

A recommendation by the Superintendent on restricting the use of the Reservation (copy attached) was discussed by the Commission and taken under advisement.

A letter from the Superintendent to Mr Meagher, Concessionaire at the Summit, concerning the closing of all roads on the Reservation on the 19th of October was brought up by Mr Liberatore and the Superintendent was questioned as to the reason for this proposed action. When advised of the time necessary to prepare the Ski Area for operation and the danger of having public access to areas crossed by pipelines and T-bars, the Commissioner instructed the Superintendent to write Mr Meagher that the Commission confirmed the Superintendent's action and that the Reservation would be closed on the 19th.

Report of the Superintendent to the Commission on the progress of negotiations with the Sheriff of Worcester County concerning the use of prisoners on the Reservation was accepted and it was noted that the Sheriff's department did not have sufficient funds to hire the guards necessary to bring such labor to the Reservation.

It was suggested by the Commission that signs "Trucks Excluded" might be posted at all entrances to the Reservation, to prevent the possible damage that large trucks might inflict on our trees and structures.



Meeting of 1 October 1964

It was moved, seconded and voted to have the Superintendent advertise for the procurement of 40,000 brochures for the Ski Area. The design and general layout of the brochures to be the same as for the last season.

Moved, seconded and voted to retain Harvey Ball as publicity director for the ensuing year.

A report from Normand Leterre on the brief operation of the Ski School under agreement at the Area for the 1963-64 season was discussed and it was decided that if he would sign it "True copy - Attest" then the Commission would accept it.

The Superintendent was requested to attend the meeting of the Eastern Ski Area Operator's Association in New York on the weekend of 17 - 18 October and it was moved, seconded and voted that expenses connected therewith might be collected from the Area.

The installation of a well for the Chalet by the Superintendent as ratified.

A possible date for an opening ceremony at the new Chalet was discussed and it was thought that late November might be suitable. In connection with this the subject of a suitable plaque for the building and the Area was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to investigate the cost, etc. A name for the Chalet was also discussed and Representative Ernest Johnson, who did so much to help establish the necessary legislation, was mentioned. Decided to hold this over to the next meeting.

Decided to hold the next meeting on the 21st of October at 10:00 AM at the Ski Area and to accept bids for the brochures at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



MEETING NOTICE

16 October 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Ski Area on the Reservation in Princeton, Massachusetts at 10:00 o'clock AM on Wednesday the 21st of October 1964.

Earle R Vinery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



October 28, 1964

Francis E. Cassidy, County Commissioner  
790 School Street  
Webster, Massachusetts 01570

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

The Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission  
wish to take this opportunity to extend their appreciation  
and thanks to you for the many years of helpful assistance  
and support which you have extended to them, not only in  
your official capacity as a County Commissioner but also as  
a citizen of the Commonwealth.

Your steadfast faith and loyalty to Mount Wachusett  
and its administrators have enabled them to carry on, even  
in the face of adverse criticism, and advance the causes of  
conservation and recreation in the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts.

Thank you again and with best wishes for every  
success in the future.

Sincerely,

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE  
RESERVATION COMMISSION

Charles B. Campbell  
Charles B. Campbell, Chairman

Kenneth G. Trinder, Clerk

Frank W. Liberatore

Earle R. Vickery, Jr.  
Superintendent



MEETING NOTICE

28 December 1964

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Ski Area on the Reservation, at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, the 30th of December 1964.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE





THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE • BOSTON 02133

ENDICOTT PEABODY  
GOVERNOR

December 22, 1964

The following was signed by the Governor and the Secretary of State on December 22, 1964.

The Commonwealth is sorry to advise you that the State Auditor has accepted the resignation of the Dr. Harry M. Daniels, the Auditor, effective January 1, 1965. The Auditor's resignation is effective January 1, 1965, because of the Auditor's estimate under Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1964.

Under Chapter 240 of the Acts of 1964, it gives me the pleasure to appoint you as follows:

For the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, with the appointment of members to all the several commissions, and the Commission proposed as follows, to be appointed for civilian and for the State Auditor.

Sincerely,

The Governor has been given permission to advise the Auditor and Fiscal Officer to accept the resignation of the Dr. Harry M. Daniels, as and that the request of the Auditor is granted.

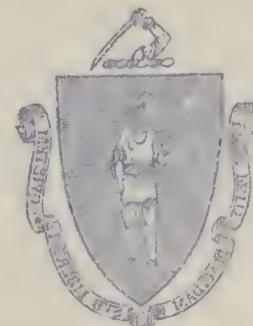
Session adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Mr. Charles E. Brown, State Auditor  
14 Worcester Avenue  
Leominster, Massachusetts

bcc: Secretary of State  
Comptroller's Office  
Wachusett Mountain State Res.  
Police Department  
Bill Lyons

(vice: Kenneth G. Grinde, term expired)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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ENDICOTT PEABODY  
GOVERNOR

July 27, 1989

Dear Governor Peabody:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Association (MEJA). We are a grassroots organization of environmental justice activists who are concerned about the environmental and social impacts of industrial development in low-income and minority communities.

MEJA has been working for several years to address the environmental and social impacts of industrial development in the South Boston area. We have been particularly concerned about the impact of the proposed expansion of the Boston Harbor Tunnel on the local environment and the health of the local community.

We have been working with local residents and other environmental organizations to develop a plan to address these concerns. We believe that the proposed expansion of the tunnel should be delayed until a more comprehensive environmental impact statement is completed, and that the local community should be involved in the decision-making process.

We would like to request that you take action to support our concerns and to ensure that the proposed expansion of the tunnel is done in a way that is safe for the environment and the health of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

John H. T. Johnson

John H. T. Johnson  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Environmental Justice Association  
100 Brattle Street, Suite 300  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 542-5000

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton, Westminster, Massachusetts

30 December 1964

10:45 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the minutes were approved as appearing in the record.

The Superintendent's budget estimate for 1965 was presented to the Commission and discussed. It was suggested that letters from Dr Frechette of the Department of Public Health and other complaints be included with the budget estimate. Motion was made, seconded and voted to present the budget estimate as prepared by the Superintendent, to the County Commissioners.

The dedication of the Ernest A Johnson Chalet was discussed and a copy of the opening prayer by Rev. McCutcheon was received and has been made a part of these minutes.

The pattern of complaints about the Ski Area was discussed and defense plans discussed. The canvassing of area legislature was covered with the apparent lack of complaints to all but one of the legislators. Mr Liberatore suggested that the Commission request an appointment with Governor Volpe to explain our problems and ask for his suggestions and opinions.

The Superintendent requested permission to attend the National Rifle and Pistol Matches as Officer-in-Charge of the First US Army Pistol Squad, if invited. The request was moved, seconded and voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM

Frank W Liberatore  
Clerk Pro tem





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
CHAIRMAN  
KENNETH G. TRINDER  
CLERK  
FRANK W. LIBERATORE

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

December 31, 1964

Earle R. Vickery, Jr., Superintendent  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation  
Mountain Road  
Princeton, Massachusetts 01541

Dear Russ:

I return herewith certain copies of the correspondence relating to the sanitary facilities at the Summit including the original of the Nashoba letter of October 14, 1964 and the copies of the Marshall correspondence of August 1964.

It would seem to me that possibly some of the difficulties may have originally, by reason of the change in the arrangements on collections, been from the pay toilets. You will recall the controversy over this matter with the County Treasurer because of previous shortages in the year 1963.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1965.

Very truly yours,

Charles B. Campbell

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Dedicatory Prayer For The Wachusett Mountain  
Ski Area

Almighty and Most Merciful God, Thou who hast made the dry land and lakes of water, plains and high mountains, green forests and desert places, and also every living creature who, in this world, dost dwell; we thank Thee for the beauty of the earth, for the rains of fall and the summer shunshine, for the quiet snows of winter and the promises of Spring, but most of all, we thank Thee for the means and oportunities of enjoying this Thy great providence which Thou dost ever renew, to us, in the natural beauties of Thy world.

On this day, O Lord, when we gather together to dedicate this Mt. Wachusett Ski Area to the worthy cause of public recreation, we would beseech Thy blessing and benediction upon our completed labors.

Bless all those, we pray, whose vision, labor, and industry have brought this recreational area into being;

Grant wisdom and a pure spirit of public service to all who will now assume the management of its affairs and shape its further destiny; and finally,

Protect from all harm and bodily injury every person who will hereafter use and enjoy this state reservation; that what we have created and now dedicate may hereafterwards be a cause of joy to all men and an ever widening gateway to Thy greater praise and glory. In Thy name and for this cause, we offer up our corporate prayer.

Amen.





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WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.

SUPERINTENDENT

1 January 1965

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

Our second season of operation of the Mount Wachusett Ski Area seemed to go very well during the winter and early spring, although there were only 69 skiing days from Christmas 1963 until we ran out of snow on the 23rd of March 1964. Many improvements were made during the summer months, including much of the installation work on the snow maker, and considerable grooming of our existing trails. A new Ski School slope was cut and rough graded in time for use during the new season. Anticipation of an early start in December did not materialize, due to a complete lack of natural snow and unavoidable delays in the installation of the snow maker, and we ended the year in the red. It is hoped that snow will be plentiful for the rest of the season, and that we will be able to have a good operational report for 1965.

Our budget estimate for the Reservation maintenance was cut severely, and we were only able to do the very essential of our normal maintenance requirements. Rubbish collection was curtailed, no major painting or building maintenance was attempted, desirable improvements to the sanitary and water supply facilities at the Summit were foregone and our tar roads were merely patched for another year.

Our visitor count remained high, being again in the area of 150,000 to 170,000 visitor days. In spite of the extremely dry weather throughout the summer and fall, and the high visitor use, we had only one small, quickly extinguished fire. It is hoped that our precipitation will be more nearly normal for the coming year, so that our high visitor use will not entail as much extra duty patrolling as last year.

Respectfully submitted

Earle R. Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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MEETING NOTICES

3 February 1965

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Mount Wachusett Ski Area at 4:30 PM on Saturday the 6th of February, 1965.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts

6 February 1965

4:30 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore, Clerk pro-tem  
Mr Breau

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the meeting of 30 December 1964 were discussed and accepted as written.

The Certificate of Inspection and Acceptance for the Chalet on the Ski Area, which was recently received from the Division of Building Construction was examined and discussed. Various problems with the features of the Chalet were brought up; - Smoke from the fireplace, drip from the roof over the doors, batteries for the emergency lights, difficulty of locking main entrance door, fireplace screen, etc., and it was decided to have the Superintendent write a letter to the Division information as to the responsibility of the Commission in these matters, and the source of funds to pay for repairs and revisions to these items.

A copy of a letter to the County Commissioners from several of the Ski School instructors and a couple of others was received by the Chairman from the County Commissioners and read to the Commission. The Chairman stated that he would answer the letter from the County Commissioners.

A letter to the Chairman by William Lovejoy of Worcester on the subject of the Ski Area was read by the Chairman who stated that he would also answer that one.

The Chair called for the organization of the Commission for the coming year but discussion failed to find anyone willing to accept the Chair for the coming year and the organization was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr Breau asked for opinions on the bill filed in the General Court by Senator Ward of Fitchburg calling for a recess committee to investigate the Ski Area. Thoughts were also expressed on publicity, both adverse and directed, with comments by our publicity director, Harvey Ball. It was decided that the Area was becoming a success in spite of the adverse publicity.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Frank W Liberatore  
Clerk pro-tem



9 February 1965

Mr David Guerin, Project Engineer  
Division of Building Construction  
38 Chauncy Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Project WR61-1  
Ski Lodge  
Mt Wachusett

Dear Mr Guerin:

We have on hand the Certificate of Inspection and Acceptance for the above mentioned project which your office wishes to have signed by an authorized representative of our Commission.

At a meeting of the Commission held on 6 February 1965 a number of questions were raised concerning the Ski Lodge and our responsibility in connection with them, as listed below.

1. **Fireplace.** There is still a serious smoke problem in the lounge area of the Lodge. Some changes were made in the smoke hood, but their effect was negligible. A Mr Fredette of the Building Inspection section of the Department of Public Safety informs us that a screen is required, by State Law, on the fireplace before a certificate of inspection will be granted. It would seem to this department that the designer should be sufficiently familiar with the laws of the Commonwealth to insure that his designs complied with them.

2. **Emergency lights.** There are still no batteries of any description in the emergency light cases. Mr Fredette also stated that these were absolutely essential before a certificate could be granted.

3. **Entrances and service doors.** There are extremely annoying and unsightly drips over all entrances and service doors in the service section of the building. No provision was made by the designer to carry roof drip away from the area directly above these doors. This drip causes ice to build up, preventing the complete opening of the doors and frequently hits people using the doors. The main entrance door for the public does not lock securely unless a great deal of time and effort is made to be sure that the latches have actually engaged with the door frame. The walk ways on the outside of the building are on the same level as the interior floor and do not provide any space for snow or ice



9 February 1965

accumulation under the swing of the doors. It would appear that a space of about six inches should have been provided in the design.

With the exception of the batteries in the emergency lights, all of the above problems are directly attributable to the design of the building. Who is responsible for correction of these? What funds would be used to defray the expense of this correction? Our Commission feels that these questions should be answered before they approve any Certificate of Acceptance.

Very truly yours,

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

CHAIRMAN

KENNETH G. TRINDER

CLERK

FRANK W. LIBERATORE

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.

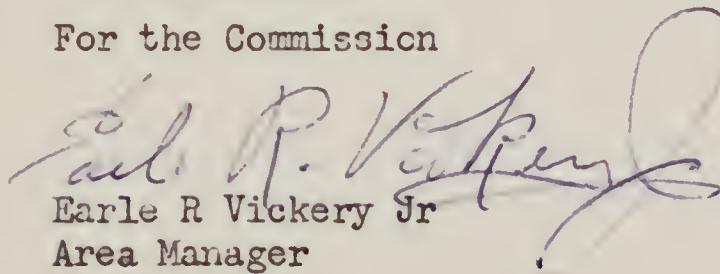
SUPERINTENDENT

15 May 1965

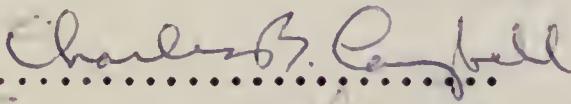
Starting immediately, it is the policy of the Mount Wachusett Ski Area to issue so-called "Complimentary" Season Passes for the Ski Area to the following personnel only:

- a. Members of the immediate families of the Mount Wachusett Ski Patrol.
- b. Members of the immediate families of employees of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, the Mount Wachusett Ski Area and the concessions directly connected with them.
- c. Professionals connected with the Ski Industry, ie., Ski Area managers, Ski School directors and instructors, and Ski Shop operators.

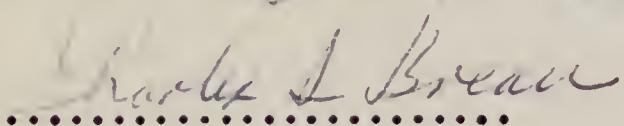
For the Commission

  
Earle R Vickery Jr  
Area Manager

Approved:

  
Charles B. Campbell

  
Frank W. Liberatore  
Commissioners

  
Charles J. Breas



MEETING NOTICE

22 June 1965

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Mount Wachusett Ski Area on the Reservation at 7:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday the 30th of June 1965.

Carlo R. Vickery Jr.  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts

30 June 1965

7:26 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore, Clerk pro-tem  
Mr Breau

Bids for the operation of the Ski School at the Ski Area were received, opened and read. Two bids were received, as follows:

Masnn Flagg of Worcester	\$10.00 annually
Ollie Manninen of Westminster	\$1.00/day of operation

It was moved, seconded and voted to consider these bids in executive session.

Mr Ralph Meagher, concessionaire, was present and requested that, since he is forced to carry all water for drinking purposes to the Summit, he be granted a reduction in his rent of \$1,001.00 to \$550.00. He also requested that the Reservation purchase new shades for the windows in the Summit House and that the old telescopes belonging to the Reservation be loaned to him for repair and possible use at the Summit. It was explained that these telescopes were so badly damaged that they were considered non-repairable five years ago.

A discussion was held concerning the operation of the Summit concession last year, and its current operation so far this year, with comments on cleanliness, prices, portions, help, etc.

Dr John Connor, the former concessionaire at the Summit, was also present and made several comments on his operation of the concession over a period of 17 years, and also stated that Mr Meagher was in arrears on payments to him for the equipment and stock sold by Connor to Meagher when concession changed hands. Dr Connor suggested that he might have to employ legal action to collect this money and wanted the Commission to know about it before any such action was taken.

The Commission voted to go into executive session to discuss the Ski School bids and the request for reduction in rent, at 8:45 PM

Minutes of the meeting of February 6th were accepted as written.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to award the Ski School to Ollie Manninen. The Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr Manninen of this action.

Motion was made, seconded and voted not to reduce the rent of the Summit House concession for this year.

A suggested Season Pass policy for the Ski Area was discussed and approved. A copy of the policy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.



Meeting of 30 June 1965

The use of volunteer labor on the ski trails at the Ski Area was discussed and approved providing a suitable release is drawn up for signature by such volunteers to relieve the Reservation of liability in the event of accident. Generally the use of such labor provides that for each 24 hours of labor one season pass to the Ski Area will be awarded. No volunteer would be required, or permitted, to use any vehicles, power or dangerous tools in this work. No Volunteer would be allowed to earn more than one season pass, and any such pass earned would be only for the earner or a member of his immediate family (father, mother, son, daughter, Brother, sister relationship). It was suggested that a limit of fifty passes should be set for this year.

The Acceptance and Inspection Certificate for the Chalet was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to write a letter to the Bureau of Building Construction requesting that they either remedy the various complaints about the building or assure the Commission that they will be taken care of at no expense to the Reservation of Ski Area.

The Chairmanship of the Commission was discussed but no action was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and voted that Mr Breau be Clerk of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM

Charles I Breau  
Clerk

with you like this  
but I am not  
the only one  
that is doing this



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
CHAIRMAN

KENNETH G. TRINDER  
CLERK

FRANK W. LIBERATORE

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION

COMMISSION

13 August 1965

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

County Commissioners  
County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This Commission has discussed the problem of vandalism several times in an effort to find a method of preventing it without curtailing the public's use of the Reservation. It would seem that any effective method would require an expenditure of considerable funds for the coverage indicated.

Probably the system which would require the least capital expenditure, and which could be readily expanded or reduced in accordance with the need, would be the establishment of a roving patrol. It is contemplated that this patrol would be composed of either temporary employees with police powers, or local police officers, and that it would cover the entire Reservation between the hours of 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

For a number of years the trend has been towards increased vandalism at the Reservation, although the bulk of the acts have been of relatively minor nature and fairly easy to repair. Recently, however, Bullock Lodge was extensively damaged and has had to be boarded up until arrangements can be made for repairs. It is believed that this damage occurred between midnight and daylight on a Sunday morning.

While the cost of patrolling would probably be in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00 per season, it is felt that possible damage to Reservation property could exceed this cost several times under the right circumstances.

Will you please advise us of your feelings in this matter so that we may proceed with a course of action that will be in the best interests of the County and the Reservation?

Concur:

Very truly yours,

*C.B.C.* Charles B Campbell

*F.W.L.* Frank W Liberatore For the Commission  
Earle R Vickery Jr

*C.B.B.* Charles I Breau Superintendent





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Worcester County Commissioners

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EDWARD P. BIRD, FITCHBURG, CHAIRMAN

JOSEPH A. ASPERO, WORCESTER

PAUL X. TIVNAN, PAXTON

September 3, 1965

Mr. Earle R. Vickery, Jr., Supt.  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation  
Mountain Road  
Princeton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Vickery:

Your letter dated August 13, 1965 with reference to the problem of vandalism at the Reservation, and the cost of police patrolling is at hand.

This appears to be a matter for decision by the Commissioners of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation.

We would be very interested to have their findings and decision in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Edward P. Bird*  
Edward P. Bird, Chairman

EPB/ct  
CC: Charles B. Campbell



MEETING NOTICE

1 October 1965

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the offices of the Worcester County Commissioners in the Court House at Worcester, Massachusetts at 1:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday, the 6th of October, 1965.

Earle R. Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioners' Office  
County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

6 October 1965

1:10 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Breau, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

Bids for the furnishing of air compressors, on a rental basis, for snow making were opened and read. Two bids were received, as follows:

Tri-County Contractors Supply, Inc.	\$600./month/compressor for not less than 3 months. No transportation charges
Crane Service & Equipment Corp.	\$570./month/compressor for not less than 3 months. \$200. transportation charges.

The bids were discussed with the bidders and it was moved, seconded and voted to take them under advisement.

The Commission went into executive session at 1:20 PM.

Bids for the rental of compressors were discussed and it was decided that there would probably be no need for renting the machines for longer than a three month period starting about the 1st of December. Moved, seconded and voted to accept the bid of Tri-County Contractors Supply, the low bidder.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 30 June 1965, were accepted as written.

Meeting declared open at 1:30 PM.

Superintendent suggested that the Reservation road net be closed to the public starting on the 25th of October. The Commission discussed this suggestion and it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. The Superintendent was instructed to notify the Concessionaire at the Summit of this decision.

Letters on the establishment of a patrol to combat vandalism on the Reservation were read and discussed. The Superintendent was instructed to explore insurance coverage for this type of damage and to investigate the probable cost and possibility of establishing a patrol by uniformed police of the adjoining towns.

The Superintendent informed the Commissioners of his plans to have the Ski Area participate in the November 11 - 14 Ski Show at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, working out of the Department of Commerce's booth. This will be at no expense to the Reservation or the Ski Area.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Charles I Breau



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioner's Office  
County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

17 October 1965 1:10 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Spear

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the meeting of October 6th were read and approved.

Mr Spear, a new Commissioner appointed in place of Mr Liberatore, term expired, was welcomed by the Chair and filled in on the general procedure of the Commission.

Damage by vandals to Bullock Lodge on the 17th of July was discussed and the possibility of collecting for this damage from our insurance coverage was discussed. The Superintendent was instructed to investigate this possibility and obtain damages, if possible.

The report of the Superintendent on the volunteer work program at the Ski Area was read, discussed and approved. A copy of this report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The production and laminating of Season Passes to the Ski Area was discussed and it was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Superintendent to obtain cold laminating material and an instant picture camera, if and when funds are available from Ski Area income.

The Superintendent reported to the Commission that he had contracted with the Princeton Congregational Church to take the Chapel Bell from the East Princeton Chapel for use at the Ski School on a "rental-purchase" plan of \$150.00, payable in three annual installments. The Commission moved, seconded and voted to ratify this action.

The budget estimate for calendar year 1966 was presented by the Superintendent and discussed. The estimate was approved as presented and the Superintendent was instructed to forward this estimate to the County Commissioners for their consideration. A copy of this estimate is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman discussed the payment to the Superintendent of additional recompense for his work on and at the Ski Area, and what had happened to legislation which had been filed for this in the past. He further suggested that he file a bill to this effect for consideration during the coming session of the General Court. The Commission concurred.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

H Warren Spear  
Clerk pro-tem



## REPORT ON VOLUNTEER WORK-PARTY PROGRAM

A total of 77 people were signed up to participate in the volunteer work program at the Ski Area. Of these, 11 did not show up for work on any of the days scheduled, 57 have completed the required 24 hours of work and are entitled to their passes, and 9 others have partially completed the requirements.

On the basis of 66 completed requirements, the Ski Area will give out passes valued at \$2,310.00. Administration of the program took approximately 12 days and should be figured at about \$300.00 cost. Tools accounted for an expenditure of about \$95.00. Paint and other material cost approximately \$35.00.

Estimated total cost of the program to the Ski Area is about \$2,740.00.

Approximately 18 acres of trails and slopes were completely hand groomed, and in some areas extensive construction work was done. The estimated cost of grooming would be about \$60.00 to \$75.00 per acre, for a total value of grooming work done of \$1,080.00 to \$1,350.00. Construction work done on the trails and slopes would have a value of approximately \$250.00.

5500 feet of lift lines were hand graded, groomed, and covered with hay. In several areas extensive construction work was necessary. Estimated value of the grading, grooming and covering would be about \$20.00 per 1,000 feet for a total value of \$1,100.00. Construction work on all lift lines would be worth about \$200.00.

All Tees and Tee-hangers were painted, a total of about 375 pieces. The estimated value of this work is about \$150.00.

Three of our regular A-frame buildings were stained and portions of both base lift houses were also covered. One of the lift shacks was stained. Approximate value of this painting is about \$300.00

3,000 brochures were altered by pasting in Ollie Manninen's picture and the Ski School write-up. Estimated cost of having this done is about \$45.00.

Over-all total estimated value of the work done by the volunteer groups - \$3,125.00 to \$3,395.00

In addition to the apparent financial advantage to the Ski Area, comments received from various sources indicate that we have added at least 66 loyal, articulate, supporters to our ranks. It would also appear that up to 75 additional passes will be purchased by those volunteer workers who have families that ski.

The program would appear to have been a complete success and it is recommended that it be continued on about the same basis in future years.

*ABK/HJD*



MEETING NOTICE

15 November 1965

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1951, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the County Court House in Worcester, Massachusetts at 1:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday, the 17th of November, 1965.

Earle R. Victory Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



1 January 1966

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

Through the summer months we did what maintenance we could to the road net and buildings, although we were severely handicapped by a lack of funds, caused by the General Court's delay in approving a budget. No extensive repair or new work could be scheduled prior to our receiving our budget allowances, even though this was sorely needed.

Scraping and regrading of our gravel roads was completed early in the summer and they were kept in good condition throughout the remainder of the season. Some regraveling and drainage work was also done but there is much that needs doing.

No patching or recoating of the blacktop roads was done beyond emergency repairs, since there were no funds available. Most of the blacktop roadsides were trimmed back and low overhead branches cut to eliminate potential traffic hazards. The remainder of this work is scheduled for the coming year and will also include the gravel road net.

Although the entire year was extremely dry and precipitation was far below normal, we had no forest fires on the Mountain and did not have to close the Reservation to the public. Several times we did resort to patrol activity to prevent any possible fire hazards.

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Sample counts and estimates showed that we again had about 170,000 visitor-days during the summer months and ticket sales totaled about 15,000 skier-days during the winter season. It is expected that we will continue to gain slowly in the skier department while holding about the same in the summer season.

A complete lack of snow during the month of December, 1964, and most of January, presented a difficult problem to the Ski Area in both finances and operation. However, our regular staff rushed the installation of the snow making equipment and we were able to start making snow on the 7th of January, and opened for skiing on the 22nd. From then until the end of the season we operated the Ski Area for eleven straight weekends and daily except for the last four weeks. We closed for the season on Sunday, the 4th of April with a carnival-like costume party on the slopes.

The experience of the early part of the year with the snow maker proved to be invaluable during December, when we were able to make sufficient snow to open for skiing on the 10th, a full week and a half earlier than any other area in Massachusetts, and two weeks earlier than we had in any previous year. This early start enabled us to reduce our ski area deficit materially and we ended the year with a relatively small loss, in spite of adverse snow and weather conditions. On the basis of this experience and operation we are looking forward to a numerically and financially successful year in 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

14 February 1966

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958 notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Worcester County Court House in Worcester, Massachusetts at 1:00 o'clock PM on Thursday the 17th of February, 1966.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

M E E T I N G   N O T I C E



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioners Office  
County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

17 February 1966

1:10 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Spear, Clerk pro-tem

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The annual report as submitted by the Superintendent was read, discussed and it was moved, seconded and voted to submit this report to the County Commissioners as written. A copy is attached to, and made a part of, these minutes.

The Chairman reported that Representative Gammal of Worcester has filed a bill with the General Court to pay the Superintendent additional recompense for the extra work and responsibility of the Ski Area.

The Superintendent reported that a draft in the amount of \$2,635.00 had been paid to the County Commissioners by the insurance company for the damage done to Bullock Lodge in July, and that this draft had been put in the general fund. It was moved, seconded and voted to submit the estimate as prepared by Wiggins Contractors to the County Commissioners for their use in requesting an addition to the budget, so that repairs could be made to the Lodge.

The Superintendent recommended that the snow making equipment be extended to the top of West lift by the addition of a booster pump and necessary pipe and fittings. He was instructed to prepare estimates of the cost of material for such an extension and present them at a future meeting.

It was suggested that a review of previous years operations might be of value to the Commissioners and the Superintendent was instructed to prepare and distribute such a statement.

The Superintendent suggested the organization of a junior racing team and Mr Spear suggested the organization of a competitive demonstration team of junior skiers to help promote the Area. These suggestions were discussed and taken under advisement.

The installation of positive back stops on the lifts at the Ski Area was discussed and the Superintendent explained that such installation would probably be required when a safety code was approved by the State.

The operation of the food concession at the Ski Area was discussed and Mr Spear mentioned the lack of cleanliness of the tables and floor. It was suggested that a cement floor might be more easily cleaned and perhaps should be installed. The Superintendent was instructed to write



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to the Concessionaire informing of the Commissions dissatisfaction with the condition of the Lodge and instructing him to correct this condition, which is felt to be detrimental to the Ski Area.

The request of the US Army Corps of Engineers to install a light at the top of the Summit House for experimental purposes was discussed and approved.

Night skiing and the operation of the Ski School were discussed and it was decided to discuss these matters further at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

H Warren Spear  
Clerk pro-tem



23 February 1966

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation  
Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton, Westminster, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Here is the statement of past earnings and expenses, requested at the last meeting of the Commission.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Ticket Sales	\$29,630.79	\$31,788.00	\$26,999.85
Season Passes	2,987.00	1,123.25	4,116.00
Ski Shop	471.91	473.20	1,550.00
Ski School	557.10	54.37	208.30
Snack Bar	-	-	651.00
Misc. (Telephone)	-	.32	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,646.80</b>	<b>\$33,439.14</b>	<b>\$33,555.15</b>

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Payroll	\$10,694.06	\$11,092.34	\$11,307.51
Supplies & Services	21,178.27	27,585.73	23,690.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,872.33</b>	<b>\$38,684.07</b>	<b>\$34,998.16</b>

<u>PROFIT or LOSS</u>	<u>Profit</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Loss</u>
	1,774.47	5,244.93	1,443.01

Days of Operation	86	63	67
Tickets Sold	14,458	14,246	12,373



MEETING NOTICE

5 April 1966

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Worcester County Court House at 1:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday the 13th of April 1966.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioner's Office  
County Court House  
Worcester, Massachusetts

13 April 1966

1:22 PM

Present were: Mr. Spear, Chairman and Clerk pro-tem

Mr Ralph White  
Mr & Mrs Aulis Manninen  
Mr Ralph Meagher

Mr Campbell sent his regrets that he would be unable to attend due to the recent death of his mother, and Mr Breau sent word that he would endeavor to spend some time at the meeting if his duties in connection with a murder trial permitted.

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 PM, and in the absence of a majority of the Commissioners, it was decided to discuss the operation of the Ski Area with the concessionaires who were present to obtain their thoughts for action by the Commission at a later date.

The Superintendent presented a report on the Ski Area operation for the season just closed and for 1966 thus far. At this time Mr Breau sat in on the meeting. A copy of the Superintendent's is attached to these minutes. It was moved, seconded and voted to commend the Superintendent for his efficient, aggressive use of the facilities at the Mountain to obtain a season of 101 days of skiing - a possible record for the Commonwealth.

Mr Breau was called away from the meeting.

Mr White presented a report and discussion of his operation of the Ski Shop for the season. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Mr Meagher reported that his operation of the Snack Bar at the Chalet was successful and he was looking forward to the summer at the Summit. The smoke problem in the Chalet was discussed and he suggested that a gas heater be installed to help heat this area, and possibly cut down on the size of the fire necessary in the fireplace. He also suggested that the electric water heater be changed to gas, thus releasing a 30 amp line that could be used on his fryalator. He requested that some consideration be given to setting up some sort of a serving facility in the area between the lifts, that could be used on weekends and holidays. The Superintendent suggested that he prepare a floor plan of his requirements for consideration of the Commission. Mr Spear commended Mr Meagher on the quality of his hamburgers and suggested that clean, high quality service was not only beneficial to the concession but also to the Area.

Mr Manninen reported that he had had a good season and was looking forward to another next year. He suggested moving the Ski School building to a location near the Chalet and the cutting of another school slope. The Superintendent stated that the moving of the school building was in his recommendations and that he would like to walk over the area mentioned for the new school slope with Mr Manninen prior to any cutting. It was planned



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to get together sometime later this spring to examine the area.

The question of a lift to the Summit and night skiing was brought up and discussed.

Mr Spear introduced the proposal of an advisory council for the Ski Area and suggested that it would be taken up at the next meeting of the Commission.

The Superintendent presented his proposal for summer work and future development of the Ski Area. A copy is attached. He also presented a proposal for increased prices at the Ski Area, a copy of which is also attached to these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM

H. Warren Spear  
Chairman and Clerk pro-tem

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REPORT OF SKI AREA OPERATION FOR 1965-66 SEASON

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	Season <u>1965-66</u>	1966 <u>only</u>
Ticket Sales	6,022.00	17,170.90	17,654.90	1,154.25	45,002.05	38,980.05
Season Passes	2,971.00	675.00	286.00	2.00	3,916.00	945.00
Ski Shop	-	1,550.00	-	-	1,550.00	1,550.00
Ski School	19.00	31.00	25.00	27.00	102.00	83.00
Snack Bar	-	375.00	275.00	460.00	1,111.00	1,111.00
Sub-total	9,012.00	19,802.40	18,241.40	4,643.25	51,681.05	42,669.05

EXPENSES

Payroll	2,822.07	4,364.71	4,193.30	2,736.35	14,116.43	11,294.36
Services	2,698.15*	8,573.10	6,681.32	3,750.00*	21,702.57	19,002.42
Sub-total	5,520.22	12,937.81	10,871.62	6,486.35	35,819.00	30,296.78

PROFIT OR LOSS 3,491.78 6,864.59 7,369.78 (1,843.10) 15,862.05 12,370.27  
loss

Days of Operation	19	28	27	27	101	83
Tickets Sold	2,851	7,247	7,992	2,183	20,273	17,422



Recommendations of Superintendent for summer work and future development  
at the Ski Area

1. Extend snow maker to the top of West Lift.
2. Cut and grade Novice trails and a second Ski School slope.
3. Replace gravel floor in Chalet with brick, and build roof over entrance door.
4. Move second ticket booth to same area as primary booth and set it up for season pass sales.
5. Move Ski School building to the same general area as the Chalet.
6. Redesign the Area's brochure, produce a map of the area with skiing pointers under the name of the Patrol, and help the Ski School director to produce a Ski School folder.
7. Replace picnic tables in Chalet with "Walpole-type" tables and individual benches.
8. Start plans for additional trail on West lift and glade from top of West lift to intersect the Smith-Walton trail at about the Balance Rock Road.
9. Rework control and communication cables on lifts.



Proposed changes in Rates at the Ski Area

<u>WEEKDAYS</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
All day	2.50	4.00
Morning	1.25	2.25
Afternoon	1.50	2.50
<u>WEEKENDS</u>		
All day	3.00	4.50
Morning	1.50	2.75
Afternoon	2.00	3.00
Family Special		1.25

SEASON PASSES

Senior	40.00
Any other senior in same family	30.00
Junior	25.00
Any other juniors in same family and any juniors with seniors in same family	20.00
Maximum charge for any one family	130.00



MEETING NOTICE

14 April 1966

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting of the Commission at the Chalet on the Mount Wachusett Ski Area in Westminster, Massachusetts at 7:30 PM on Wednesday the 20th of April, 1966.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Chalet

Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Westminster, Massachusetts

20 April 1966

7:37 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Freau, Clerk  
Mr Spear

Mr & Mrs Aulis Manninen  
Mr Ralph Meagher

The meeting was opened by the Chair and the minutes of the meeting of 17 February 1966 were approved as appearing in the Clerk's book.

The meeting of 13 April 1966 was declared to be an official meeting of the Commission and the minutes of the meeting were approved as written and submitted to the Commissioners.

Recommendations concerning the Chalet were discussed and the following was decided:

1. The Superintendent was instructed to install sleeves on the three flues of the Chalet smoke stacks in an effort to alleviate the smoke condition within the Chalet.

2. The Superintendent was instructed to investigate the renting of a gas water heater for the Chalet to replace the present electric heater, so that the electric capacity thus relieved could be used by the concessionaire for cooking. The results of this investigation to be brought before the Commission at a future meeting.

3. The gravel floor in the main part of the Chalet was discussed and the Superintendent's recommendation installing brick flooring was brought to the Commission. The Superintendent was instructed to further investigate this material, and any others that might be applicable, and report to the Commission at the next meeting.

4. It was moved, seconded and voted to have the Reservation personnel build a roof over the entrance of the Chalet to relieve the icing condition at the threshold.

5. The Superintendent was instructed to report to the Commission on the feasibility of installing new furniture, (tables and benches) in the Chalet at a future meeting of the Commission.

6. The Superintendent was instructed to report on the necessity of installing an auxillary gas heater in the lounge area of the Chalet, at a future meeting.



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The cutting of a new Ski School slope and additional Novice trails was discussed and it was decided to abide by the decision of the Ski School Director and the Superintendent on location and extent of these facilities.

The proposals of the Ski Shop operator were discussed and the Superintendent instructed to draw up some recommendations for the next meeting of the Commission.

The general condition of the Summit and the Summit House was discussed and the Chairman suggested that anyone with influence in the General Court urge passage of the budget so that some work could be started on the rehabilitation of this area. Repair of the tar roads was also discussed.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

Organization of the Commission was discussed. Mr Campbell was re-nominated for Chairman by Mr Spear. Mr Breau was nominated by Mr Campbell. Mr Spear was nominated by Mr Breau. After some additional discussion and urging, Mr Spear consented to have his name placed in nomination. It was unanimously voted to elect Mr Spear Chairman of the Commission for the ensuing year.

Mr Preau was nominated and unanimously elected Clerk of the Commission.

The new officers of the Commission then assumed their duties.

Mr Campbell reported that House bill 2839, to pay the Superintendent extra or overtime pay for his additional duties at the Ski Area, had been favorably reported out of Committee and was now before the House Ways and Means Committee. He urged that any influence available be used to secure passage of this bill.

It was moved, seconded and voted to place the same ad as last year in the Eastern Ski Atlas.

A new Season Pass format for the Ski Area was discussed and it was voted to use the new style next year. (Season)

The Chairman brought up the possibility of establishing an Advisory Council for the Ski Area and/or the Reservation for the purpose of bringing opinions and suggestions to the Commission on subjects connected with their jurisdiction. This matter was discussed at some length and Mr Campbell suggested that the matter should be considered further and ideas on it brought up at the next meeting of the Commission.

Moved, seconded and voted to establish the suggested rates (see minutes of last meeting) for the coming season.

The Superintendent was instructed to obtain layouts, dummies and estimates on a new issue of the Brochure, Patrol Map and possibly School



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folder. A report to be brought to the Commission at a future meeting.

A sketch of a proposed display booth for use at the fall, and other ski shows was examined and discussed. Moved, seconded and voted to construct the said booth.

The Chairman recommended that one or two bundles of slalom flags be obtained for the use of the patrol in warning dangerous areas and for use of the Area for races and competitions. This was moved, seconded and voted.

It was recommended by the Chair that no more uncontrolled races be held on the Pine Hill trail, as it is now. This suggestion was moved, seconded and voted.

The Chairman suggested that the Ski School be rebid for the coming season and that the Commission endeavor to obtain a certified director for the school. After a lengthy discussion, Mr Campbell stated that he would favor keeping Mr Manninen in the Director's position for another year and Mr Breau agreed. It was unanimously decided to make no changes in the concessionaires for the coming season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Charles I Breau  
Clerk



N O T I C E

DATE: April 14, 1966

TO: Mr. Earle R. Vickery, Jr., Superintendent  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission

FROM: D. Joseph Burke, Secretary and Counsel  
House Ways and Means Committee, Room 247, State House

The Ways and Means Committee has before it for  
consideration the following:

House 2839- Bill Authorizing the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation  
Commission to pay overtime pay or extra compensation to the  
the superintendent of said reservation.

The Committee requests, as provided in Chapter 161 of  
the Acts of 1963, your estimate of cost of this proposed  
legislation and your recommendation whether this legislation  
should or should not be adopted. It should be noted that  
Chapter 161 requires that you should forward a copy of your  
reply to the Commissioner of Administration.

Would you kindly answer immediately, enclosing a copy  
of your reply for the Senate Ways and Means Committee.



21 April 1966

Mr. D. Joseph Burke, Secretary and Counsel  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Room 247  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Reference: Rule 2839

Dear Mr. Burke:

It is estimated that the cost of this legislation would be approximately \$1,500. per year. This figure was arrived at as follows:



I recommend that this legislation be adopted. It is contrary to all the concepts of fair and equitable treatment to expect anyone to work extra time without extra recompence.

Very truly yours,

Earle E Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

cc Senate Ways and Means Comm  
Commissioner of Administration



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

25 August 1966

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Ski Area on the Reservation at 8:00 o'clock PM on Tuesday the 30th of August 1966.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

M E E T I N G   N O T I C E



# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3943

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By Mr. Buffone of Worcester, petition of Charles J. Buffone for legislation to transfer the care and maintenance of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation to the Department of Natural Resources. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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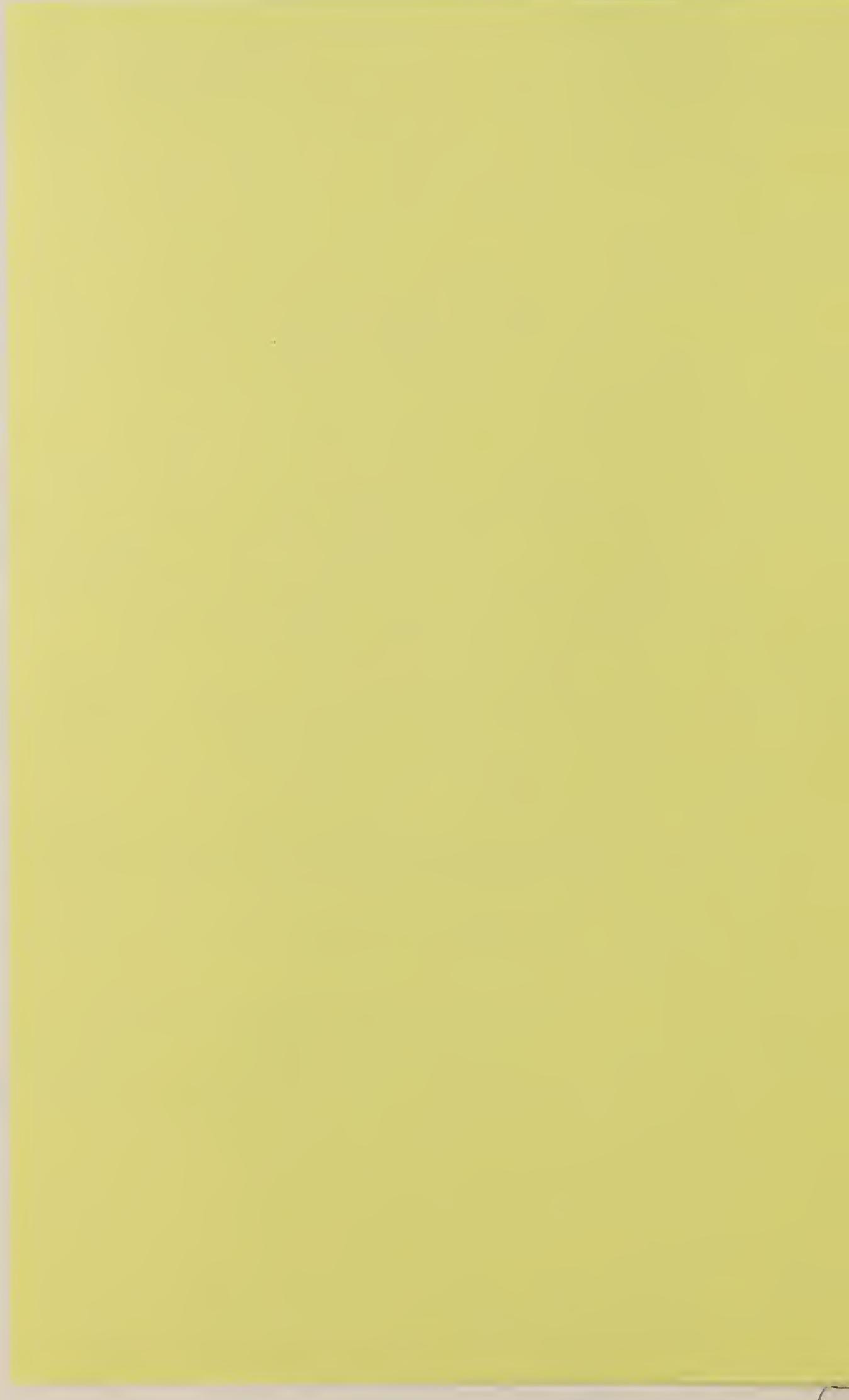
In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

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AN ACT ABOLISHING THE WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION AND TRANSFERRING THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The Wachusett Mountain state reservation commission is  
2 hereby abolished and the care and maintenance of the Wachu-  
3 sett Mountain state reservation is hereby transferred to the  
4 department of natural resources.





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS

H. WARREN SPEAR  
CHAIRMAN

CHARLES I. BREAU  
CLERK

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR., SUPERINTENDENT  
FELLOW-AMERICAN PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY

Under the provisions of our General Law, Chapter 34, Section 17, and the acts of 1960, Chapters 677 and 774, the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission invites sealed bids on the following:

Furnishing, on a rental basis, two 600 CFM, diesel powered air compressors (Porter model 600 mono-rotor Blue Brute or equal). Compressors are to be mounted on 4 pneumatic tired wheels and with integral fuel tanks. Flexible connectors with fittings are to be furnished for connection to iron pipe manifold. All maintenance beyond ordinary operator service to be furnished by the supplier.

Compressors are to be used to furnish air for snow making system and will be needed for a minimum of three months and ten days (November 21st 1966 to February 20th 1967).

All transportation charges should be included and made a part of this bid.

Bids may be mailed to the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission, Princeton, Massachusetts and will be accepted by mail until the close of the Post Office at Princeton, or in person, at the Ski Area Office until 8:00 o'clock AM on Wednesday the 14th of September 1966, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be marked "Compressors" on the outside of the envelope.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Reservation and the Ski Area.

For the Commission

Earle R. Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

1 September 1966





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR., SUPERINTENDENT  
FELLOW-AMERICAN PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY

Under the provisions of our General Laws, Chapter 34, Section 17, and the Acts of 1960, Chapters 67 and 714, the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission invites sealed bids on the following:

20,000 single color, four page safety folders similar to the sample which may be seen by contacting the Manager, Mount Wachusett Ski Area, Princeton, Massachusetts or Harvey Hall Advertising, 4 Belmont Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. The folder will measure approximately 7 inches by 6 inches, unfolded, be printed on both sides and copy will be complete and ready for photographing.

Delivery of the folders should be specified in the bid.

Bids may be mailed to the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission, Princeton, Massachusetts and will be accepted by mail until the close of the Post Office at Princeton, Massachusetts, or in person, at the Ski Area Office until 6:00 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 14th of September 1966, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be marked "Safety Folders" on the outside of the envelope.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Reservation and the Ski Area.

For the Commission

Earle R. Vickery, Jr.  
Superintendent

1 September 1966



MEETING NOTICE

8 September 1966

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Chapter 626 to the Acts of 1958, Notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the Ski Area Office on the Reservation at 8:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday the 14th of September 1966.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



# WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Ski Area Office  
Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton- Westminster, Massachusetts

14 September 1966 8:12 PM

Present were: Mr Spear, Chairman  
Mr Breau, Clerk  
Mr Campbell

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the last meeting were discussed. It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes as appearing in the records.

Bids received by the Superintendent were turned over to the Chairman, sorted, opened and read. Bids were:

### Compressor rentals -

Tri-County Contractors Supply \$4,000.00 total  
Field Machinery Company 5,666.00 total

Moved, seconded and voted to accept the bid of Tri-County Contractors Supply.

### Booster pump purchase -

P.N.Fawcett Model 30FS-WVG4 1,261.00 total

20FS-WVG4 1,371.00 "

30FS-C32 1,685.00 "

20FS-C32 1,785.00 "

Larchmont Engineering (New-FOB Lexington) 3,600.00

(Used-FOB Lexington) 2,200.00

Tri-County Contractors Supply (FOB Wachusett) 1,943.28

The Superintendent suggested that these bids be taken under advisement until the various specifications and engineering curves on performance could be checked and compared. So moved, seconded and voted.

Moved, seconded and voted to take these bids under advisement until such time as there would be sufficient funds available to make the necessary purchases. Mr Fiorelli mentioned that he could not guarantee his prices



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under the present economic situation.

Bids on Brochures -

Stobbs Press	2 week delivery	\$ 799.00
Wheelock Printing Company	2 week delivery	698.48

Moved, seconded and voted to accept the bid of the Wheelock Printing Company.

Bids on Safety folders -

Stobs Press	2 week delivery	\$ 199.00
Wheelock Printing Company	2 week delivery	213.27

Moved, seconded and voted to accept the bid of Stobbs Press.

The Chairman brought up the subject of extensions on the Chalet chimneys and the Superintendent stated that he had not yet measured and arranged to have these made, but that he would do so in the near future.

The Chairman also suggested that a system of giving out complimentary tickets be set up with a card to be filled out by the person giving out the ticket, and signed by him. Superintendent instructed to set up such a system and report back to the Commission.

The Superintendent suggested the hiring of Paul George, a ski instructor with the Ollie Manninen School, for general work in the ski area during the fall season. This was approved by the Commission.

It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the bid of the Fawcett Co. for the purchase of the booster pump if the specifications could fulfill the requirements of the service desired. The Superintendent was authorized to select the pump best suited.

The Superintendent suggested that the road net on the Reservation be closed, starting on the 24th of October so that the Ski Area could be readied for operation. Moved, seconded and voted. The Superintendent was instructed to write a letter to the concessionaire at the Summit informing of this so that he could close out his operation.

The Commission inspected the booth being constructed for the fall ski show in Boston on the 28-30 October and adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Charles I Breau  
Clerk



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Ski Area Office  
Mount Wachusett Ski Area  
Princeton-Westminster, Massachusetts

22 March 1967                            8:30 PM

Present were: Mr Spear, Chairman  
    Mr Breau, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 PM and the minutes of the meeting of 11 January were discussed. Voted to approve the minutes as appearing in the record.

The coming transfer of the Reservation to the Department of Natural Resources was considered and the Superintendent was instructed to inform all concessionaires of the Reservation and Ski Area, by letter, that any and all contracts with them would expire as of 2400 hours, 31 March 1967. It was suggested that the letter include instructions to the concessionaires to remove their equipment from the premises as soon as possible.

The Superintendent informed the Commission that he had placed the insurance, mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, by telephone at 1000 hours on the 12th of January 1967, but that he had had no word, either verbal or written, from the agent - Alfred J Mattak, since that time.

A letter of appreciation from the Leominster Recreation Commission relative to their "Learn-to-Ski" Week was read and is made a part of these minutes.

A notice of a lease expiration from the Corp of Engineers was discussed and the acknowledgment was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk. A letter concerning a variable light source on the Summit House, attached to these minutes, was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to write a letter of acceptance to the Corps.

The vacancy of the Santon cottage, which will occur on 1 April 1967 was discussed and it was decided that the Commission would have no jurisdiction over the letting of this cottage for future occupancy.

The Superintendent presented a rough recapitulation of the operation of the Ski Area for the period 1 January to 19 March 1967 which showed a favorable balance of approximately \$9,000.00.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the Superintendent a vote of thanks for his industry, cooperation and close work with the Commission throughout the years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Charles I Breau  
Clerk



Member of National, Eastern, and  
Massachusetts Ski Area Operators Associations



PRINCETON-WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01541  
TELEPHONE 464-2355

27 March 1967

Mr Ollie Manninen  
Mount Wachusett Ski School  
Carter Road  
Westminster, Massachusetts

Dear Ollie:

This is to inform you that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation and the Mount Wachusett Ski Area will come under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources on 1 April 1967, and, therefore, any and all agreements that you may have with the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission will expire at that time.

The Commission wishes to take this opportunity to express its thanks for your support and close cooperation in the past, and to wish you every success in the future.

Very truly yours,

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE  
RESERVATION COMMISSION

Earle R Vickery Jr, Supt.  
For the Commission



Member of National, Eastern, and  
Massachusetts Ski Area Operators Associations



PRINCETON-WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01541  
TELEPHONE 464-2355

27 March 1967

Mr Ralph White  
Ralph White's Ski Shop  
Main Street  
Boylston, Massachusetts

Dear Ralph:

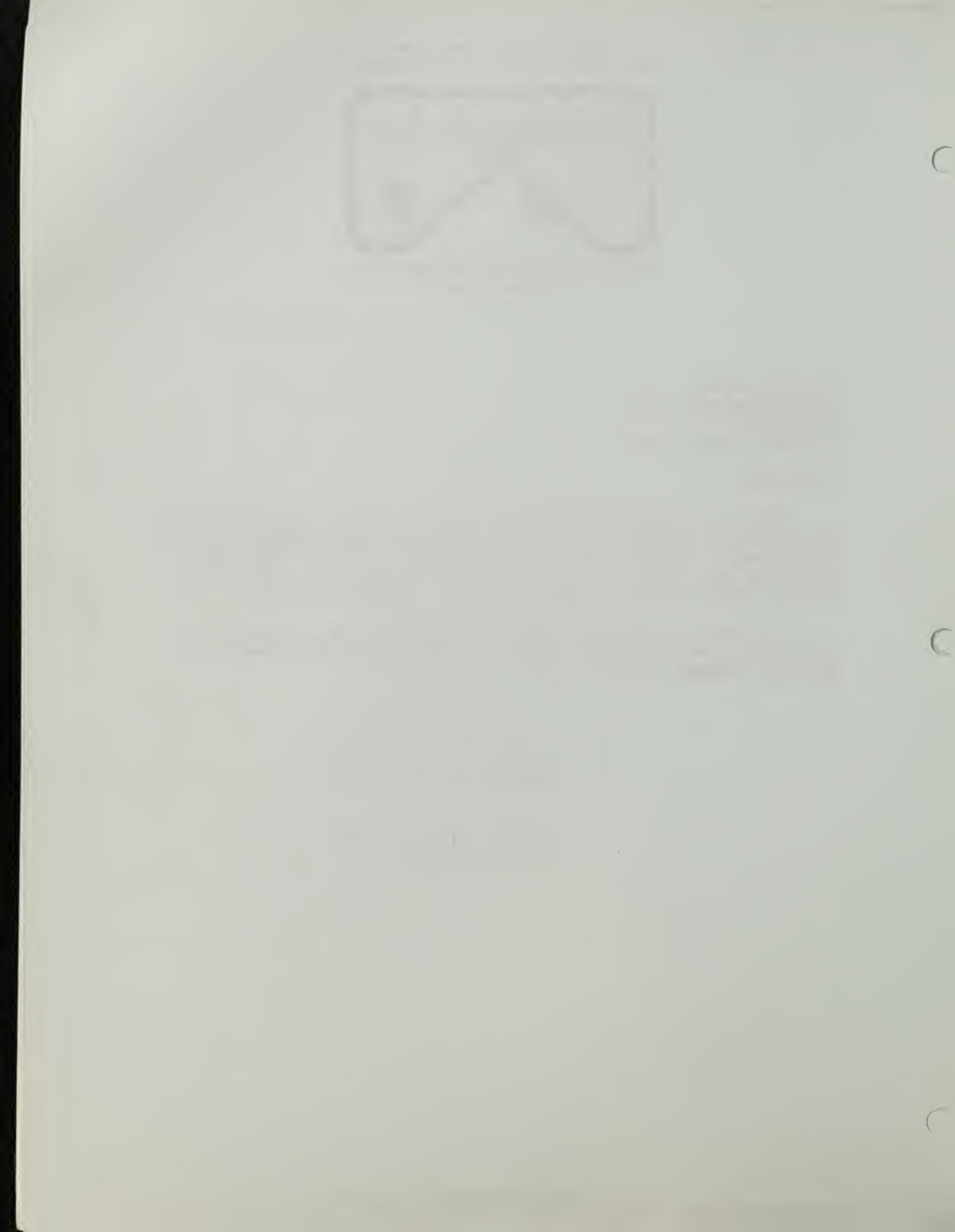
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PRINCETON-WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01541  
TELEPHONE 464-2355

27 March 1967

Mr Ralph Neagher  
Main Street  
Westminster, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

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Please make arrangements with the Superintendent to remove your equipment, supplies and materials from the Reservation and the Ski Area at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE  
RESERVATION COMMISSION

Earle R Vickery Jr, Supt.  
For the Commission

Sent  
Certified mail w/  
return receipt.  
27 March 1967  
JRW



1 September 1966

Alfred J Mattei Insurance Agency  
313 Park Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr Mattei:

Since we have not yet made the inspection tour of the insurable property at the Reservation, please be sure that we either have adequate coverage on the following buildings or that a binder of some sort has been placed on those buildings not covered to protect us until proper coverage has been arranged for.

Summitt House  
Superintendent's Cottage  
Employee's cottage

*REED* --- Lindquist cottage

Superintendent's Barn

Superintendent's Shop and Garage

Ski Shop and Office- estimated value \$20,000.

Ski patrol headquarters - estimated value \$3,500.

Ski School headquarters - estimated value \$3,500.

Two Lift Houses (Ox-bow and West)

Estimated value of building - \$5,500. each

Estimated value of machinery - \$35,000. each

Pump house - estimated value of building \$3,500.

Estimated value of pump \$4,000.

Two ticket booths - estimated value each \$750.

Chalet - estimated cost \$45,000.

Three Lift attendant's huts - estimated value \$500.

Please let me know, by return mail, that the above has been accomplished. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
New England Division, Corps of Engineers  
110, Franklin Road  
Waltham, Mass. 02454

Lease No. DA-19-016-ENG-7752

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF LEASE

Dated 15 February 1967

TO: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission  
Princeton, Massachusetts 01541

Pursuant to Article 6 of a certain lease dated the 9th day  
of May, 1962, by and between The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission

of the first part, and the United States of America, of the second part, covering property located at  
The top of Mt. Wachusett, Princeton, Massachusetts  
(Air Force Systems Command - Microwave Relay Annex)

said property being more particularly described in the lease referred to;

NOTICE is hereby given that the United States of America exercises its rights reserved in  
said lease and will quit, relinquish, and give up said premises on the 20th day  
of March, 1967.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By *M. S. Phillips*  
M. S. PHILLIPS  
Acting Chief, Real Estate Division

Receipt of the above notice is hereby acknowledged.

WITNESS:

*Charles Brear*

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION (lessor)

BY *J. Wayne Gao*  
TITLE *Chairman*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF LEASE

1982-1983 Date

TO: **Mr. John W. Dickey, Chairman, Committee on  
Finance, House of Representatives**

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ba H. E. HILLMAN  
Worthington, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1910.

REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE UNION.  
(read by Mr. President.)

## REVIEW

John C. Stennis Space Center



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
424 TRAPELO ROAD  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02154

IN REPLY REFER TO:

NEDRE-M

15 March 1967

Mr. Earl R. Vickery, Jr., Superintendent  
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission  
Princeton, Massachusetts 01541

Dear Mr. Vickery:

The Department of the Air Force has informed this office that there is no longer a requirement for the variable light facility installed at the top of the Summit House, Mount Wachusett, Princeton, Massachusetts.

It is requested that you inform this office if the Commission is willing to accept the transfer of this facility, appurtenances and telephone cable, the Government thereafter being relieved of responsibility.

A letter of acceptance will effect the transfer of this facility to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

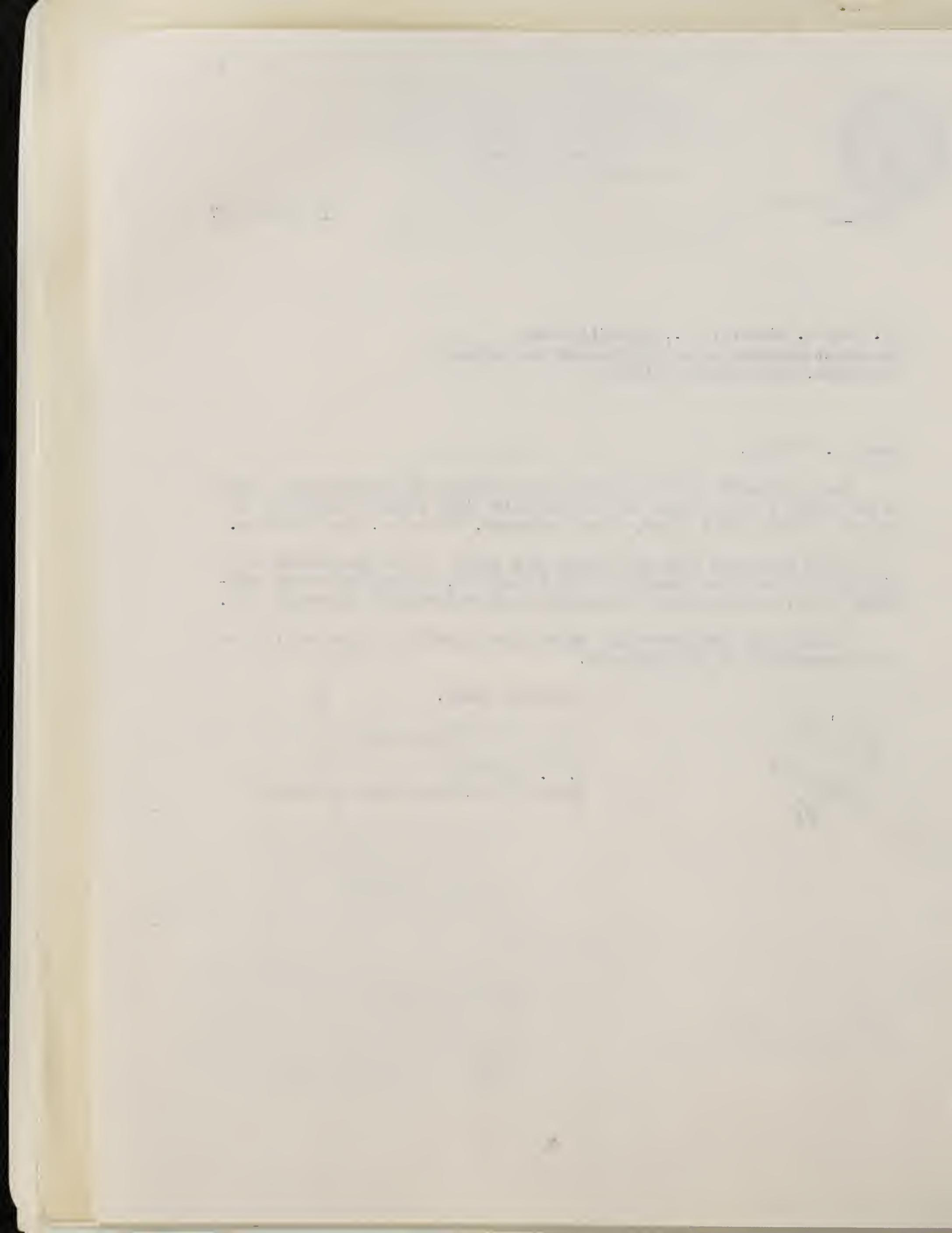
Sincerely yours,

*Paul O. Baroneas*

M. S. PHILLIPS

*for* Acting Chief, Real Estate Division

*Rec'd  
16 Mar 67  
JFV*





COMMISSIONERS

H. WARREN SPEAR  
CHAIRMAN

CHARLES I. BREAU  
CLERK

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

25 March 1967

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR., SUPERINTENDENT  
FELLOW-AMERICAN PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY

Department of the Army  
Corps of Engineers  
New England Division  
424 Trapelo Road  
Waltham, Massachusetts  
02154

Attention: NEDRE-M

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission, held 22 March 1967, it was voted to accept the offer of your letter of 15 March 1967.

Very truly yours

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

